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Applicant: CHALONER-GILL et al.
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Attached please find the following document for filing in the above-identified patent application:

- 1) Amendment in response to Office Action dated January 30, 2003.

Sincerely,

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PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Attorney Docket No.: 2950.20US01

Chaloner-Gill et al.

Confirmation No.: 2942

Application No.: 09/845,985

Examiner: M. Ruthkosky

Filed: April 30, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1745

For: PHOSPHATE POWDER COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR FORMING
PARTICLES WITH COMPLEX ANIONS

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 30, 2003, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 22 to 45 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 22-45 are canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between four groups. The Examiner asserted that the claims as filed covered four distinct inventions. In view of the restriction requirement, Applicants have canceled claims 22-47 directed to groups III and IV. Applicants elect group I, claims 1-15 and 21, with traverse. In particular, under MPEP 804,

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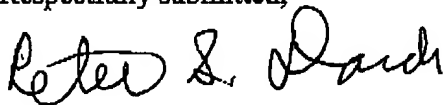
a restriction is proper only if there would be significant additional effort to examine the additional claims. In the present case, the claims in Group II depend from claim 1 in Group I. There is clear unity of inventive concept between the two groups, and no additional effort would be required to examine the groups together.

Applicants respectfully request examination of Group II claims 1 and 16-20 with the claims of Group I.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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